

# HI-Q

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### CLUB REPEATERS

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### NEXT MEETING



7 p.m. Room 237  
McIntyre Building  
Confederation College

## Shortwaves

Well, I seem to be back from the parallel earth (Sliders' fans, anyone?).

The Nordic World Ski Championships really upset the body and mind clock! There are no corrections to corrections in this month's issue for you, hopefully. I'll save those for next month! hi.

**New Club Address:** Please note the new club address at the bottom of every second page. Please start using this one to send any mail to the club. We will maintain the old P.O. box until the summer.

**Club Archive:** Jim, VE3UA is starting a new column this month. He is building a collection of club memorabilia. Also, Jim isn't sure who was the editor for the first issues of *QRM*. Can one of the senior club members help him out?

**RAC Insurance Survey:** Included inside is a RAC insurance survey to see if there is any interest among hams. Note the clause about interference litigation. *This is only a survey to determine if there would be any interest in this type of insurance among radio amateurs in Canada and not a commitment on your part.*

**10 Metre Contest:** The Springbok, South Africa, chapter of the 10-10 Club will conduct a 10 metre contest open to all with or without a 10-10 number.

Dates are May 13, 0000Z to May 14, 2359Z, 1995. 10 metre band in any mode (AM, CW, SSB or FM).

Points are 1 point per contact. No duplicates allowed. Foreign stations must work at least 5 ZS or ZU stations. Certificates will be issued for the highest ZS, ZU and highest foreign or DX station. The contest committee will have the final say on all contacts and logs submitted.

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The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club, in co-operation with the City of Thunder Bay, is offering the Thunder Bay Voyageur Award to any station working or monitoring at least 5 Thunder Bay stations. The award is an attractive 8.5" by 11" parchment scroll, truly a complement to any radio shack.

Send a copy of your log with call signs, dates, times, frequencies and \$2.00 to the Awards Manager at the club address listed below.

## Club and Newsletter Information

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In honour of the memory of our founding president, Mr. P.J. (Pat) O'Shea, the club call sign is VE3FW.

The LARC owns and operates 2 VHF repeaters, VE3TBR 146.82(-) located atop St. Joseph's Heritage and VE3YQT 147.06(-) located atop Mount Baldy.

The club mailing address is: LARC • 1100-C, Suite 184 Memorial Avenue • Thunder Bay, ON • P7B 4A3 • Canada.

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Send your logs to:

ZS 10 Metre Challenge  
c/o Dwight N. West  
P.O. Box 14933  
Lynn East 0039  
South Africa

## Central Ontario Flea Market:

The Guelph Amateur and Kitchener-Waterloo ARCs are joint sponsor's of the 21st annual Central Ontario Flea market, to be held on Saturday, June 3rd, 1995. The location is Bingeman Park, Kitchener, Ontario.

Please direct inquiries to:

Ted Eaton, VE3GJE  
102-21 Woodlawn Rd. E.  
Guelph, ON N1H 1G6  
519-823-1027

**M.A.R.M. Hamfest:** The Manitoba Amateur Radio Museum Inc. will be holding a 3 day hamfest on September 8th, 9th and 10th, 1995. Location is on the ground of the Manitoba Agricultural Museum Inc., Austin, Manitoba.

Please direct inquiries to:

R. Holder, VE4QK  
Box 1011  
Beausejour, MB R0E 0C0

**Club Pins:** The LARC has very sharp looking pins for sale. They are the size, shape, weight and colour of a Loonie displaying the club's logo in blue. The price is \$6.00 with the proceeds going to the Irkutsk Fund. Contact either Skip, VE3BBS or Terry, VE3TKA to get yours. Better hurry! They are selling very quickly.—Ed.

# Credit to Our Volunteers!

**BY ROB, VE3FLB**

There were a couple of good reports on our club's participation at the Nordic Championships in last month's HI-Q. One thing that we don't want to omit is thanking all those involved in the most ambitious of our club's public service undertakings. It's really quite amazing what people in the club can do when given a challenge!

A large amount of credit should go to the club executive which was involved from the beginning. There were, of course, dozens of folks who filled the trenches when we needed them and they deserve to be recognized today..

**Radio Accreditation:** VE3RVA Bob, VE3EMI John, VE3MJN Marion, VE3ZG Mike, VA3MOB Maureen and VE3PHU Pat.

**Radio Net Control:** VE3XAW Annabelle, VA3DVE Dave, VA3DPB Don, VE3FAL Fred, VE3SNW Ed, VE3GWT Garry, Gerry Burney, VE3KRZ Jerry, VA3RIM Ian, VE3KBJ Karel and wife Pat, VE3XLB Linda, VE3MPT Manuel, VE3XRC Norm, VA3GD Pat, VE3FLB Rob, VA3ROM Robert, VE3TKA Terry, VA3VSN Trevor, VA3WRL Wayne, VA3GOT Rand and VE3BBS Skip and #1 son Andy.

Any others whose names we have omitted, please accept our apologies and extended thanks as well!

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# Meeting Minutes

BY NORM, VE3XRC

*Minutes of a meeting of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club held in Room 237 at Confederation College, Thunder Bay, Ontario on April 13, 1995.*

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the President VE3TKA, Terry Stewardson with 37 members and guests in attendance.

## Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held January 12, 1995 were published in detail in the February edition of *HI-Q* and mailed to all members. Motion: Moved by VE3BHN, Bob Gillespie and seconded by VA3ROM, Bob Mazur that the minutes be adopted as printed. Carried.

## Correspondence

1. Letter from Thunder Bay Area Emergency Measures Organization, signed by John Copland thanking the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club for their participation in the World Nordic Ski Championships.

2. Notice of Swap Fest '95 to be held Saturday May 6, 1995 in Superior, WI from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

3. Letter from Timmins Amateur Radio Club listing the repeater frequencies in the Timmins area.

## Treasurer's Report

VE3BBS, Skip Wright reported the annual 1994 - 1995 financial statement as of April 13, 1995 as follows:

<i>Balance as of January 12, 1995:</i>	\$3,485.27
<i>Expenses:</i>	2,415.96
<i>Income:</i>	1,779.81
<i>Balance as of April 13, 1995:</i>	\$2,849.12

**Motion:** Moved by VE3AJ, Bill Klemacki and seconded by VA3BEL, Vic Bel that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.

## President's Report

1. Annual Dinner: Went over quite well, the Club actually made money on this year's event.

2. March monthly meeting: Due to the Club's involvement in the World Nordic Ski Championships March 9th to 19th, the monthly meeting was canceled.

3. Licence upgrades: Congratulations to the following for obtaining their 12 w.p.m. Morse code: Mark Lyngstad, VE3WAZ, Vern Hicks, VA3VJH, Trevor Bishop, VE3VSN and 5 w.p.m.: Terry Saunders, VA3TFS.

## Other Reports

1. 1995 World Nordic Ski Championships: VE3ZG, Mike Nawrocki. Mike's memory is still foggy as to all the things that happened during the two weeks of the Nordics. Mike offered a very large "thank you" to the Club for a job well done under a very tough situation. Considering that there were 250 radios in the field, 6 people crammed into a small trailer, panic calls from people who had never used a radio before, Mike stated that the feedback he has received from the Nordics people was very positive about how the operation was carried out. Out of 250 radios issued, Mike is still looking for 4 of them.

2. Nordic QSL Cards: VE3BBS, Skip Wright reported that approximately 1,200 Nordic QSL cards were mailed out compliments of the Nordic office.

3. Severe Weather Watch: VE3BBS, Skip Wright has Severe Weather Watch applications available. Several members of the Club have already signed up.

4. Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES): application forms are available for Club Members to sign up to become members of ARES. If you are interested, contact VE3BBS, Skip Wright.

## Old Business

None.

## New Business

1. Dryden and area Packet Nodes: VE3MOR, Gary McNally of Dryden put on a brief presentation of the system of packet nodes in the Dryden, Kenora and Fort Frances area. Both the Dryden and

Kenora clubs have been working together to establish a new site on Highway 502 halfway between Dryden and Fort Frances. The equipment is to be installed April 22/95 and will operate as VA3BPL and will be solar powered.. This site should greatly improve packet transmissions in northwestern Ontario. Gary also showed the present 2m voice linking system now in use in the area.

2. CJ97 Boy Scout Jamboree: Now that the Nordics are over, the President VE3TKA asked the members present if they were interested in participating as a club in the Canadian Boy Scout Jamboree to be held in Thunder Bay during July 1997. **Motion:** Moved by VE3PHU, Pat Pugh and seconded by VE3BHN, Bob Gillespie that the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club participate in CJ97. Carried.

4. Thunder Bay Museum: The Thunder Bay Museum, in their new quarters on Donald Street, have room for a static display of amateur radio equipment. They already have the necessary equipment in storage and have asked the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club to assist in the set up of this display. VE3AJ, Bill Klemacki has volunteered to chair this committee. **Motion:** Moved by VA3BEL, Vic Bel and seconded by VA3ROM, Bob Mazur that the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club become involved with the Thunder Bay Museum. Carried.

5. Seminar on "Direction Finding": In the past, members of the Club have expressed an interest in some form of a building project. VE3TKA, Terry Stewardson proposed a 3 to 4 week seminar on direction finding equipment. The first week would be spent on theory, second week on building a 2m quad followed by practical applications. If you are interested, contact Terry.

6. Adjournment: Moved by VA3LEB, Len Bougie that the meeting be adjourned.

Following a short break, VE3ICY, Glen Wallace put on a slide presentation on Thunder Bay Hydro's remote control SCADA system.

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# Can We Document Our History?

Last year, The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club celebrated its 60th anniversary. That momentous event prompted, in the minds of some members, a desire to create an archive recording notable club personalities, events and significant achievements. These discussions lead to the conclusion that a permanent repository for club records and mementos should be established.

Similar attempts have been made in the past and some were fairly successful. It was the success of one such attempt that enabled us to recover some original minutes, receipts, financial records, membership lists and letters. Included with these were minutes from the club's inaugural meeting. The prewar years are fairly well documented in the records on hand. To a lesser degree we also have some records from the intervening years.

In that respect, I suppose that our club is no different from any other that has been active for a half-century or more. Members die, others move away and regrettably some simply lose interest. The unfortunate and, no doubt, an unintentional result is that today, attempts to locate and permanently record the club's history is thwarted by many lost or misplaced documents. There are many rather large gaps in the dates of documents available.

This is a plea to all present and former members of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club and/or The

Canadian Lakehead Wireless Experimenters Club to assist us in locating documents, pictures and mementos of any description which pertain to the club. Some of these older documents make interesting reading and may find a permanent home in the new Thunder Bay Museum amateur radio exhibit that will be assembled this summer.

Here's a bit of serendipity for you. Did you know that at one time the club officially changed its name to "Lakehead Radio Club?" Apparently that was the case, albeit only briefly. The motion was made back on 12 May 1939. Any guesses on who made the motion? Sorry folks, we can't afford prizes!

I digress. We want to copy and/or digitize any and all records known to exist. These documents may be in the form of correspondence to or from the club; minutes or meetings, financial records, early membership or phone number lists; plaques or certificates issued to or by the club, old QSL cards or any other ancient artifacts or curiosities which may help in our quest to record our club's history.

The originals will be returned, if that is your preference. However, we will record the locations of returned documents as a matter of record.—73, Jim, VE3UA.

*Please give this request some serious consideration. Any group that forgets its past, has no future.—Ed.*

## NEW BASIC + 12!

*Manuel, VE3MPT called me the other night. Seems that he went over to Jerry, VE3KBZ and "wrote" his 12 wpm code test and wanted to keep it a secret for as long as possible! Congratulations, Manuel.*

## MORE BASIC + 12!

*Doing it the "right" way with code guru Ed, VE3SNW we have Trevor, VE3VSN and Vern, VA3VJH and Mark (won't come up to the Coast Guard to do some Morse code), VE3WAZ.*

## NEW BASIC + 5!

*Lastly, joining the HF ranks, we have Terry, VA3TFS. Terry has HF privileges on 160 and 80 metres. The BASIC + 12 amateurs have full privileges across all the HF bands.*

## THAT BUSY STORK!

*Another area ham Archie, VE3HWA and wife Cindy, (VE3DWP's) sister, had a baby boy on April 1st. Cindy was medevac'd from Atikokan for the delivery. Baby Leo weighed in at over 6 lbs.*

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# Personality of the Month

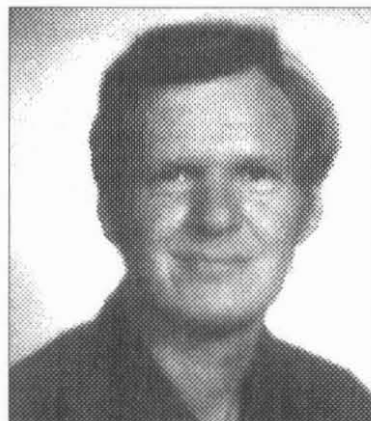
*Dwayne, VE3DZR*

BY IAN, VA3RIM

Dwayne Randle, VE3DZR is 47 years old. He was born south of the present day city of Thunder Bay, Ontario about 21 miles north of the Canada-United States border. Dwayne is one of 9 children, having 4 brothers and 4 sisters. His father, who worked in the bush, had Dwayne peeling logs at the tender age of 10. Dwayne attended Cloud Bay Public School but he quit when he was in the middle of Grade 8 because he thought making money was more important than going to school. As Dwayne says, "I thought I had the world-by-the-tail and of course at that age I thought that I knew everything!"

During the next 4 years, Dwayne had many part-time jobs. His money was spent on old junker cars and booze. He wanted to become a transport driver but at that time a person had to be 25 to get a licence.

In May of 1966, when he was 18, his uncle got Dwayne a job with the Department of Highways. The job was to paint lines on the highways during the summer and to drive a snowplow during the winter. One month after getting the job, Dwayne was making the great sum of \$1.44 per hour and so he got married to Annabelle. During the next 5 years, they had 3 children. As Annabelle says, "Life was good. We had enough money and we had our freedom. We had what we wanted."



One morning, in 1970, when their son was 3 years old and their daughters were 16 months and 3 months old, Dwayne woke-up to discover that he could not see anything. From a doctor, he learned that he had lost 90% of his vision overnight. He was told not to worry because it would come back in time.

Dwayne kept working at the Department of Highways but he had to stop driving trucks, so they made him a night watchman! Dwayne even continued to work in the bush on weekends. After 6 months as night watchman, Dwayne accidentally hit his head on a grader blade and he quit the Department of Highways. He now had to live on a meager disability pension and was labelled "handicapped" by the Workman's Compensation Board.

It was being labelled "handicapped" and not having much education that prevented Dwayne from getting a decent job. He was forced to go back to the

bush where he drove a skidder and used a chainsaw even though he only had 10% vision. About this time, he got into C.B. radio, where he stayed for about 10 years. Dwayne, at one time, worked at the municipal garbage dump where he showed people where to unload. This type of work went on for 15 years and by the end of this period, his vision had gotten worse until he had only 1.5% of it left. Of course, the mental anguish and frustration was there all the time for himself, for Annabelle and for his growing family.

In 1985, there was further tragedy when Dwayne found that he could not walk. He entered the hospital and after many tests, he was diagnosed as having Progressive Multiple Sclerosis. This had caused his loss of vision. The disease progressed slowly over the next 2 years and then over a period of months, suddenly got worse and Dwayne had to use a wheelchair to get around. Dwayne went to London, Ontario to see a doctor who specialized in Multiple Sclerosis. The verdict was that nothing could be done to help him.

Upon returning home, Annabelle had to do everything for Dwayne. He got to the point of not being able to hold his head up. He could not carry on a conversation. He could not feed himself. Annabelle had to lift him in and out of bed. He had to drink coffee through a

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straw. He had to be tied into a wheelchair so that he would not fall out. He had to smoke a cigarette through a tube after Annabelle lit it for him. A special ashtray had to be attached to the wheelchair. Dwayne lost 70 pounds and dropped to 105 pounds. It was Annabelle who had to exercise his legs to keep the muscles from atrophying. Dwayne eventually could only stay out of bed for about one-half hour per day. This went on for 5 years and he was in and out of the hospital. As Dwayne says, "The hospital became my second home." Dwayne was on the list at a chronic care nursing home but he had to wait for 2 years for a bed. He eventually lost the feeling in his hands and feet. By the late 1980's, pills for Dwayne were costing up to \$1,000 per month. Dwayne says, "Life was mentally and physically devastating." Annabelle has her own thoughts but she is still with him.

In 1990, a friend suggested that Dwayne take a Chinese herb drink that she recommended. He tried it and after 2 months saw a noticeable improvement in his condition. Doctors still do not have an explanation about what happened.

A lady from ComCare was helping at the Randle home. Her name was Linda. Apparently, she talked at great lengths about the amateur radio course that her husband, Norman Bell, VE3XRC had encouraged her to take and so Annabelle bought a scanner for Dwayne. Eventually, Linda Bell

became known as VE3XLB and started to encourage Dwayne to get his amateur radio licence.

Annabelle wrote to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind for information about amateur radio. They sent Dwayne the entire course on tape and for the next 15 months, Dwayne played the tapes hour after hour, day after day. Annabelle says that it nearly drove her crazy! Dwayne found that he had trouble remembering what he heard on tape because the Multiple Sclerosis had destroyed his short term memory. He could remember things from 20 years previous but nothing from an hour before.

Eventually, Dwayne took the amateur radio examination from Ed Bauman, VE3SNW. The questions had to be read to Dwayne. By the time Ed had read the fourth possible multiple choice answer, Dwayne had forgotten the question! The exam took 3-1/2 hours to complete but Dwayne passed and as he says, "It was a tremendous achievement for me!" Eventually, Dwayne became known as VE3DZR and joined the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club. Two weeks later, Annabelle passed her amateur radio examination and became known as VE3XAW and joined the LARC also.

Dwayne continued to improve and started thinking about getting his H.F. radio licence. To get H.F. privileges without Morse code, the Ministry of Transport said that Dwayne would need a doctor's certificate and a sponsor. The doctor's certificate was obtained and Fred Lesnick, VE3FAL

offered to sponsor Dwayne. He now has his H.F. radio licence. The Canadian National Institute for the Blind was approached for financial help to obtain the required radio gear. They leased a synthesized radio to Dwayne to be repaid over a 7 year period.

In August, 1993, Dwayne joined the YL International Single Side Band System heard on 14.332 MHz from 1200Z until the band closes. Dwayne spends 14 to 16 hours each day listening to and partaking in radio transmissions from around the world. He has talked with people in over 100 countries. He has been involved in relaying a message from Africa to the United States about a girl who had malaria. He has relayed a message about a ship in distress in the Pacific Ocean to another ship in the Atlantic Ocean. He holds the *Worked All States* and *Worked All Continents* awards. He has worked the world's smallest country, Luxembourg. Dwayne has many beautiful certificates from special events stations including the ship, now dry-docked, *The Queen Mary*.

Amateur radio has changed Dwayne. He says that his speech and memory have improved. His mental attitude has rebounded with a vengeance. Dwayne finds it hard to imagine the number of friends that he has made due to amateur radio.

Today, Dwayne can get around without his motorized wheelchair but he does have to use a walker. Everyone knows that Dwayne can talk! But a person would not know

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that he has only 1.5% vision. Even the editor of HI-Q, Bob, VA3ROM didn't know that Dwayne was nearly blind! Dwayne said about the incident, "We had a great conversation. Bob thought I was a visiting tourist from England!"

To find the right photograph for this story, Dwayne would hold the picture to the tip of his nose and stare at it for up to a minute and even then I am not quite sure if he could see it. Dwayne was listening to his favourite frequency during the recent Oklahoma City bombing and yes, amateur radio was there during the emergency. Apparently, an amateur radio operator was taking calls from across North America from people wondering about the condition of their loved ones. As Jda (pronounced Jeeda) Rogers, Net Controller of the YL system from San Antonio, Texas says, "Dwayne is always there."

Dwayne, VE3DZR, about all your fellow amateur radio friends can do is to wish you all the best and say to themselves, "There but for the grace of God, go I."

P.S. Annabelle, VE3XAW has only 4 more trips to Ottawa for laser surgery and the purple birthmark that was on the side of her face will be gone.

*As a new club member I haven't met all the members, yet. One Saturday, at the club breakfast. I met a visiting ham from England and saw a group of people sitting in a corner. They looked British to me! Annabelle had worked the Nordics, so I recognized her. After she introduced us, I told Dwayne what I had thought.—Ed.*

## Radio Amateurs of Canada Insurance Survey

As part of Radio Amateurs of Canada continuing commitment to provide added benefits to its members and prospective members, Debbie Norman, General Manager has been exploring the possibility of providing an insurance policy which would cover equipment and liability beyond what standard homeowners' policies provide. One area of concern is the liability exposure which exists for amateur radio operators is in the area of interference litigation. Another area is with respect to equipment which may be taken away from the home and is not covered or coverage is not existing for perils such as power surges, brownouts and blackouts.

Before we pursue this matter further, your input as a member (or potential member) of Radio Amateurs of Canada would be appreciated as to the viability of such a program. The level of interest will determine the pricing structure which can then be offered by the Insurer. Please take a few moments to complete this questionnaire and return it directly to: RAC Administrative Office, 614 Norris Court, Unit #6, Kingston, ON P7P 2R9 or via fax to 613-634-7118. Or, you can return it to Skip, VE3BBS and the club will forward it on your behalf to RAC.

1. City and province of residence .....
2. Estimated replacement value of equipment as shown below:
  - a) at residence .....
  - b) away from residence at any one time .....
  - c) of towers/antennas/rotors .....
3. Do you currently insure your equipment separately? .....
4. Number of functions attended annually with equipment away from your residence? .....
5. List any special coverage or consideration that you, as a member (or prospective) member think would be valuable to include in this program.
 

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6. Are you a member of Radio Amateurs of Canada? .....

# From the Club Archive

SUBMITTED BY JIM, VE3UA

## QRM

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### Club Activities:

The chief topic of discussion at the meeting of the club held on January 28th was "BCI". The consensus of opinion was that the chief cause of trouble was the small AC/DC Sets although Hams on Phone Operations related experiences with other types of sets also. A resolution was passed authorizing the secretary to visit some of the local radio dealers with a view to establishing a better understanding on their part insofar as BCI from local amateurs is concerned. The meeting wound up with an auction sale conducted by Bill Loftus (VE3BBA) and quite a few good bargains were made.

### Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the club will be held on February 18th and will take the form of a luncheon meeting. This meeting will be held in Port Arthur and we will endeavour to provide transportation for the Fort William fellows who haven't got cars. Bert Tamblin (VE3ANP) along with Ron Seaborn and Fred Rolley have been appointed as the committee to make arrangements and we will be hearing from them soon.

### Prospective Hams:

Our pioneer Ham, Pat O'Shea VE3FW), has once more made an offer to fellows who want to learn the code to come to his home at 201 Ross Street on Fridays, 8 - 9 P.M. where he will be glad to instruct them in the fundamentals of Code. Thanks, Pat, for the offer to help the newcomers to our club. Last Friday, Jan 30th, Pat couldn't make it so Bert Tamblin and Bert Lambert had a slow QSO on 20 to help the fellows get in a little practice.

### Personal Notes:

We are glad to hear Brien O'Brien VE3UA, back on the air after being confined to hospital for a while.

### 10 Meter Hams:

It has been suggested that 28,250 kcs be used as a frequency for local QSOs and we would appreciate the feelings of all Hams on Ten in order to arrive at some definite frequency for that purpose.

### Membership Dues:

There are still a few members who have not paid up their dues for 1947-48. Under the new constitution the rates have changed and the Secretary will be pleased to answer any inquiries in this regard.

### Local Activity on the Air:

#### Heard on 75 - Phone:

VE3UA - Brien O'Brien

#### 40 C.W.: VE3CH - Ray Greer

20 C.W.: VE3UA - Brien O'Brien  
VE3BKY - Bert Lambert  
VE3AWV - Fred Rolley

20 PHONE: VE3HU - Ralph Parker  
VE3FW - Pat O'Shea  
VE3ANP - Bert Tamblin

10 C.W.: VE3AWV - Fred Rolley  
VE3BED - George Fraser

10 PHONE: VE3RA - Ray Godsalve  
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VE3BIX - Ernie Reid  
VE3BED - George Fraser  
VE3SJ - Bruce Grant  
VE3BIL - Don Lindberg

### District Activity:

Borge Rudman - VE3UE 10 Meter  
Phone,  
Schreiber.  
Ed Jones - VE3VN 20 Meter CW,  
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Art Chadwell - VE3QP 20 Phone,  
Geraldton.  
Al Moorby - Pigeon River, still  
looking for power  
source.

### Editorial:

It has been felt desirable for some time that some means of conveying club and local ham activities to our members should be commenced. With this thought in mind, this circular has been compiled hoping that it may be the humble beginning of something much better to follow.

Any comments or criticisms from club members or otherwise would be appreciated. We trust that this idea meets with your approval and that through this medium, the Hams at the Lakehead may better keep in contact with each other, if not by radio - through this paper which we have taken the liberty of titling "QRM" until something else has been decided upon.

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